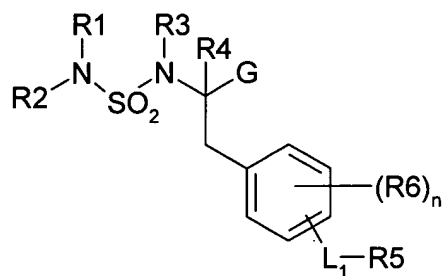


**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION: ABSTRACT**

Please add the following Abstract to the application.

**ABSTRACT**

Compounds of the following formula



and salts thereof are described as integrin  $\alpha 4$ -antagonists, wherein the various symbols are as defined in the specification.